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Selectmen strip ballot of voter questions

By DANA GARDNER Advocate Editor

When selectmen began their meeting this week, there was one referendum question on the April 9 ballot, a petition before them for another and a request for yet another.

By the time the meeting finished, however, there were no questions on the ballot. What remained was the right of 10 percent of the registered voters, or 3,000 people, to petition the town clerk to present questions to the voters independent of selectmen.

Selectmen voted unanimously to keep all referendum questions off the ballot, including one for or against carry-in wine at restaurants

A petition with 10 signatures was presented asking that the voters get a say on the carryin alcohol issue. Selectmen said no.

The author of the petition, Ruth Mahon, said Tuesday she believes the issue is one for the voters, and vowed to seek the 3,000 signatures necessary to put it on ballot.

The board, by its action, also reversed an earlier vote to put a question on the ballot on whether to continue the traditional whistle blasts at morning, noon and night.

Selectmen last year voted to curb the blasts to once a day at noon after receiving a petition by those objecting to the early morning noise. A second petition was later presented calling for the return of the whistle.

Moreover, members of the firefighter's union last week asked selectmen to put a question on the ballot concerning the staffing of firefighter personel. Firefighters want to keep staffing at 21 persons per shift, rather than 17, as is done part of the year.

The selectmen were suddenly faced with two requests for ballot questions, on top of one they had already decided was appropriate. All were issues with the potential for strong feelings one way or another. Any of them could bring out a strong vote.

The issue of referendum questions and whether they have a place on a ballot was raised by selectmen two weeks ago. It was closely tied to the question of carry-in alcohol. Both issues have become politicized, several close to selectmen agreed this week

Selectmen Chairwoman Janemarie Hillier and Vice Chairman Stephen Conroy began discussing whether the carry-in wine policy was popular or unpopular at the meeting two weeks ago.

Selectmen in December voted to ban carry-in alcohol, but then approved an exception policy to allow wine under strict conditions. Two weeks ago they allowed The Gourment Club, 452 Mass. Ave., to be the first under the exception.

It was during the discussion about The Gourmet Club that referendum questions and their place on Arlington ballots apparently became an issue for selectmen

A vote, which Conroy later criticized, was

swiflty taken not to have the carry-in wine question put to the voters on April 9.

Two selectmen's seats are up for grabs in the election, Hillier's and the seat vacated by Bob Murray and temporarily filled by Jack Donahue. Other town positions, from School Committee to Housing Authority, are also up

According to a statement by Selectman Robert Walsh, such ballot questions as those put before selectmen amount to "government by referendum.

Ballot questions have an underlying potential for voter manipulation," Walsh said. Raise an issue that appeals to the emotions of a segment of the population — entice them to the polls to vote their emotions and by happenstance the candidate who insincerely is carrying their emotional banner.

Selectmen Charlie Lyons, who apparently reversed himself on his stance on carry-in wine by voting for an exception, took pains to make it clear Monday that the board has strengthened the town's ability to regulate carry-in alcohol

He said the public perception should be made clear that the selectmen "have not opened the floodgates" of alcohol use at all town restaurants

Since 1933, when Prohibition ended, there has been no law to prevent restaurant owners from allowing patrons to drink on their premises. It was, however, not a common

practice in town. Lyons said Arlington is now one of only two

towns in the Commonwealth to outrightly ban carry-in alcohol. The other is Provincetown. It could not be determined Tuesday if Provincetown has an exception to the ban,

however. Arlington does. Conroy, in terse tones, said two weeks ago that it did not appear fair to let a "gourmet"

restaurant enjoy an exception to the rule, and

(Please see BALLOT, page 14)



Town Meeting members, town officials and agency heads fill the town hall Monday to attend to 12 warrant articles. All articles were discussed in the single night, and all but one were disposed of. The town now

has liability insurance for its employees and officials, a legal expenses indemnification policy and funding for police and fire contracts, among

Liability, funding questions resolved

Special meeting winds up business in single night

By DANA GARDNER

Town Meeting members threw their support behind a safety net for town employees and officials against legal suit, bailed out a town group health insurance fund and agreed to fund pay raises for police, firefighters and some town administrators at a special meeting Monday.

At a time when the town is facing

predictions of successive years of deficit, nearly \$1 million was needed little more than halfway through the fiscal year to keep the engines of municipal government running smoothly.

The money was taken from the free cash account, which had blossomed to \$1.2 million since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1987. A request to possibly dip into a building insurance fund through legislative petition, however, was not voted on.

But in addition to funding insurance shortfalls and arduously negotiated contracts with town public safety officers, the 144 Town Meeting members who ventured out in a snowy January evening made it an offense punishable by a \$20 ticket if residents do not remove snow from their front walks.

The special meeting, called by selectmen after the town manager announced a shortfall of \$277,000 in Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance

payments, was the last before an election for many of the meeting members

Arlington operates on a represen-tative Town Meeting basis, whereby members are elected to represent constituents in their precincts. The town was one of the first in New England to adopt representative Town Meetings.

Due to redistricting of town precincts, many current Town Meeting members will have to seek re-election, even if their terms have not yet

The special meeting also came exactly three months before the annual Town Meeting, set to begin on April 25. One of the first questions posed to selectmen from the meeting members was why the business at hand could not wait until April.

Town Counsel John Maher, who was called on often during the 21/2-hour meeting to explain legal items, told the group that the three contracts negotiated with firefighter and police unions needed funding. State law requires funding shortly after ratification of contract by the unions, he said. Ending a year-long search by

selectmen for public official liability insurance, Town Meeting also voted to provide funding for premiums to cover officials if they are sued in relation to town business The \$32,000 annual premium cost

for such insurance was taken from the so-called free cash account. Some \$10,000 of the sum had already been used to purchase the insurance, which is currently in effect.

Town Meeting also voted, yet declined at Monday's meeting to fully (Please see MEET, page 10)

Parking study starts with sluggish pace

Advocate Assistant Editor

Sometimes the issue lies dormant, but parking and traffic in Arlington have been sources of frustration for as long as there have

The problem, many say, has gotten worse in recent years as more families have more cars, more outof-town traffic cuts through Arlington and commuters use Arlington streets as parking areas and connectors to the mass transit system at Alewife.

Last spring the parking situation became so unbearable in the Heights that local residents and business owners collected 1,600 signatures on a petition calling for selectmen to bring about some

Selectmen set up the Business Districts Parking Study Committee, which met during the summer, but has yet to make a report or propose any action.

There are several reasons for the apparent delay, said Fred Pitcher, executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen The committee is waiting for in-

formation, he said, including how the municipal parking lots are used. "Parking has been a problem in Arlington for a long time and it pro-

bably will always be a concern," said Pitcher. "We are looking at possible longterm solutions." Another roadblock for the committee was the resignation of

former Selectman Robert Murray, who chaired the fledgling panel in its first month before moving out of

Although no one from the Board of Selectmen was named to Murray's post, Pitcher said the committee is considered active and is ready to continue working on parking solutions.

'I expect we'll get some information soon that will allow us to plan on some ways to alleviate the parking tie-ups," said Pitcher.

Some of the plans being looked at, he said, include use of private property for parking, reduction of the time limit in business districts and elimination of residential side streets as parking areas for com-

Finding places for business owners and employees to park and finding ways of enforcing any new policies, will also be developed. The problems are more acute in the spring and fall, Pitcher said.

Parking concerns are addressed as areas are developed or redeveloped, said Pitcher, but what needs to be worked out are the perennial problems plaguing the Massachusetts Avenue business districts: East Arlington, Arlington Center and the Heights.

"We aren't going to find quick and easy solutions that will solve Arlington's parking problems," said Pitcher. "It's something that's going to have to be worked on over time."

Error sends Red Sox passes to local kids

By RICHARD PASTORE

Special to the Advocate

ticket surcharges.

Disadvantaged youngsters of Arlington will receive free tickets to Boston Red Sox games, thanks to a recent settlement between the baseball club and the state attorney eneral's office that concerned illegal

The Boston Red Sox agreed to donate 3,380 tickets (an \$18,604 value) to needy children in the 25 most populous cities and towns in the Commonwealth as compensation for charging credit card users an extra \$1 per purchase at the box office last

The ball club promised to halt the surcharge last August, when Attorney General James Shannon informed them that the practice was illegal," McNaught, explained Tom spokesperson for Shannon.

"Under state law, a business can-not penalize customers purchasing goods or services with a credit card by adding a surcharge to the cost of the transaction," McNaught stated.

Contrary to popular belief, gasoline stations do not impose a surcharge on credit purchases, but rather, offer a discount for cash payments.

John F. Donovan, Jr., Red Sox executive vice president and counsel, said the club did not dispute the charge. "We were unaware that the practice was illegal at the time it was

into the winter.

instituted," he said.

"We were happy to cooperate once the fact was brought to our attention," Donovan said. "In fact, our accounting department was the one to go through all the (sales) slips of the year to determine the exact overcharge.

The tickets, reserved bleacher seats for July and August day games, will be handed over once the 1988 season starts to the attorney general, who will then parcel them out proportionately to the selected town's municipal recreation directors, who will in turn distribute them to deserving youngsters and their families.

The attorney general felt that,



with a limited quantity of tickets available, the most likely places to

(Please see TICKETS, page 10)

Tough algae blamed for foul water taste

By CAROL BEGGY

cate Assistant Editor Some town residents have noticed a fishy taste and smell in their tap water, the result of a persistent algae in the Wachusett Reservoir, utility

spokesmen say.

An algae bloom and has been cropping up sporatically throughout the system since July, said Thomas Barron, spokesman for the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority.

"It is a very persistent algae and we are currently treating it with copper sulfate," said Barron, "but so far it has eluded us."

Although unpleasant, the water presents no health or safety hazard, Barron said. "It is, unfortunately, a nuisance," he said.

The problems are not confined to any one area in the system, Barron said. Nor do they last long,

"We are trying to understand that ourselves.

It appears that, when we get an area cleaned up, it shows up in another," Barron said.

While people have come to expect algae problems in the summer months, it was a surprise to some residents that the situation has gone on

However, parron said, the size of the Wachusett and Quauvin reservoirs keep them from freezing over, which allows algae to grow. The odor and discoloration became particular-

ly bad in areas of Arlington this last week, causing many residents to worry.

At a meeting Monday, Selectman Robert Walsh asked the town manager to monitor the town's

water and look into the recent problems "I can't believe it would be lasting this long if was just algae," Walsh said.

will be affected by the algae bloom or for how long. Some of the larger users of water, the schools,

There is no way to determine how many houses

cropped Complaints have along Park Avenue and along Route 2 toward

have not had the foul-water problem.

People are especially sensitive to changes in

restaurants and Symmes Hospital, reported they

the water now because of recent water problems in other parts of the nation, Barron said. Bottled-water sales have been increasing

steadily during recent years, said one store manager, but apparently not because of current "I think people have been thinking more about

the water they drink as they have become more concerned about their health and fitness," said a manager at the Highland store in the Heights.

"People have been buying more bottled water in the last several years than anyone might have thought people would 10 years ago," he said.

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Parents, teachers speak out against cuts to schools

Special to The Advocate

Parents and teachers packed a School Committee hearing Tuesday to voice their opposition to further cuts in the budget for the town's secondary schools.

Prior to the full committee meeting, the panel's subcommittee on secondary schools held a hearing punctuated by applause from parents as educators warned the subcommittee their backs would be to the wall if funds were further cut. Budget slashing could jeopardize the quality of the school system,

Last month \$400,000 in cuts were approv ed, pending final review from the town finance committee, and Town Meeting.

While the secondary school subcommittee has yet to make recommendations about further reductions, cuts appear imminent as enrollments in the secondary school system, including Arlington High School, Gibbs and Ottoson Junior High schools, decline

'Nothing is cast in stone," said Michael Healy, chairman of the subcommittee. Anything could happen prior to Town Meeting in April, he said, and a lot will depend on the financial situation of the town. What is certain is that budget cuts would

mean staff reductions. "That's a very painful area," said Healy. "We're dealing with dedicated human beings, and that's a very uncomfortable situation. Lawrence Greco, a math teacher at the

Gibbs School, said the town is at a turning point in education and can no longer look for miracle solutions

"If this town wants quality education it's

going to have to fund it," he said. Greco says he's ready to call on the leadership on Beacon Hill for help. He believes the state should provide more funding for the programs it mandates to help school systems face the budget

Parents and teachers vowed to rally support for education in Arlington at Town Meeting on April 25

School committee chairman William O'Brien also told board members he needed them working and pushing in April on behalf of education

Finance Committee Chairman Bob-O'Neill told members at the Special Town Meeting on Monday that a \$3.75 million shortfall exists between projected revenues and spending for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

'This is a difficult year,' he said, "and

we'll have to fight for many things in the budget.

Students also showed their concern by submitting more than 100 signatures to the subcommittee, claiming any budget cuts that affected special subjects, like art and music, would be a detriment.

School committee member Patricia Worden said staff reductions can't be tolerated at a time when the Arlington school system needs help. Worden says tutors are needed as well as language teachers and class materials. Worden said teachers have been uncomplaining and the town should be aware of the sacrifices they have been making.

Gibbs Principal Paul Lamoureaux said: We have a machine that works, that's focussed on the needs of students. The more people you take out of that, the less effective that

Healy said any decision on cuts will have to be made by May 15 when tenured teachers must be notified of their status for the next school year. As yet, no timetable has been set.

Also at their meeting, the school board renewed the contract of Superintendent Walter Devine for another six years.

The board also updated its study of available space in the school system to determine whether changes will have to be made

The committee voted last spring to conduct the study to determine schoolwide needs for the next five years in terms of available land, equipment, leased space, and room for new programs. Devine says any recommendations will be made in about six months

Improvements pending at reservoir area

By CAROL BEGGY

Final plans are being reviewed for a project to improve the area around

of new lights at Hurd Field, the landscaping of a parking area and completion of a walking path around the reservoir

"It's basically a project to improve the overflow parking area at the reservoir and complete the circular path around the area," said Mike Wright, director of properties and natural

The money was given to the town by Thomas True, president of Eastern Harbor Associates, the developer of Reed Brook Village on the nearby old town landfill.

FinCom chairman

With the budget process for the

fiscal year begining July 1 well along,

the anticipated town ledger is about

\$3.75 million in the red, according to

Finance Commission Chairman

of the special town meeting on Mon-

day. The Finance Committee

members are now examining the near-

ly \$50 million budget passed to them

from selectmen, who, in turn, receiv-

ed the draft from the town manager.

last year's level except for salary in-

creases, still outweighs expected

revenues by \$3.75 million, said O'Neill.

a large and separate portion of town

spending, will meet with selectmen in

the next week or two to discuss the possibility of cuts and budget

day that he has learned the town is in

line for a \$850,000 increase in state aid

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Selectmen Charlie Lyons said Mon-

The School Committee, overseer of

Spending, which has been kept at

The figure was dropped at the end

expects deficit

Robert O'Neill.

trimming

Used as a summer swimming facility for town residents, the reservoir was recently upgraded. It was once used as a town water source, but

Designed for the Parks and Recrea

be marked with identification and mile signs and connect the recreational areas surrounding the reservoir, Brosnan said.

Currently there is a useable path for about three-quarters of the area around the reservoir, said Wright. The project will upgrade that area and make the rest of the area accesible, he

over last year's figure. The so-called

Cherry Sheet figure is not definite, but

falls below the \$1.2 million increase

percent of the town's overall budget.

released by Bank of Boston projects

growing deficits for the town over the

next five years, especially if the rate

Selectmen were tentatively

scheduled to meet with reprentatives

of Bank of Boston on Feb. 1 to review

the bank's findings on the fiscal con-

State aid now accounts for some 25

A consultant's report recently

received last year.

of inflation increases

dition of the town

The first phase of the project is to replace the lights at Hurd Field and rebuild the baseball diamond and soccer area. Phase two will be the work

the Recreation and Park Commission, are currently being reviewed by the Conservation Commission, which has jurisdiction over all projects within 100 feet of waterways.

The plans were reviewed at a Conweek. If the commission approves the project, Wright said the town could then advertise for a contractor.

If all goes as planned, Wright said, he hopes to have a contractor working on the project by April. The project should take about a month to complete, The park commissioners have worked, Wright said, to make sure the project makes the area more useable. but not more difficult to maintain.

'We'll have something that improves the area and will look better but we don't need a gardener, which I don't have, to care for it," said Wright.

An bonus to the project, Wright said, is that the work will not only improve the connection between Hurd Field and the entire area around the reservoir, but will link to the planned Minuteman Bikeway

"As a long-term project, this will tie the reservoir to the bikeway and the rest of the area," said Wright.

The Minuteman Bikeway is a proosed bicycle path that would run from the Alewife station at the Cambridge line to Bedford.

Cable introduces system to select movies at home

By DANA GARDNER **Advocate Editor**

Arlington Cablesystems has introduced a new home movie service that allows customers to decide which films they wish to see and pay for them individually.

"Impulse," a push-button service available at an extra cost to the basic cable service, lets viewers choose and immediately watch one of several films on two separate channels

A button on the remote control for a television will alert, through the cable itself, a computer at the cable office for the film selection and billing.

The cable company now offers several channels, such as HBO, Movie Channel or Showtime, which broadcast films in constant, revolving order. Subscribers pay a monthly fee to tune in to the channels, but pay a flat rate no matter how many films they watch.

The movies on Impulse will initially cost between 99 cents and \$3.99 for each viewing. The intial monthly charge for the service will be 95 cents, according to the company.

Arlington's 12,000 cable users are among the first of American Cablesystems Corp.'s franchises to have the option of Impulse.

It is meant to compete with the

burgeoning home VCR video

market, and sets up the technology for so-called interactive cable use, such as home shopping, a company spokesman said. Unlike cable movie channels,

Impulse will offer newly released films as soon as they enter the video cassette rental market American Cablesystems Corp.

of Beverly was recently sold to Continental Cablevision Inc. of Boston, the country's third largest cable operator. The new service was planned before the sale was ar-The sale will be finalized when

franchises across the country transfer the American license to Continental. Arlington selectmen okayed transfer of the local license two weeks ago.

Arlington Cablesystems announced the new movie service through press releases and through mailed announcements to town residents this week

Two-way communication between cable user and operator is the first step to home video shopping, banking and other services, said Doug Curran, a Cablesystems spokesman.

Arlington and Cambridge are among the first to have the new selection option. The feature was tested in Newburyport before being offered here, Curran said.

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TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

Advocate Assistant Editor

the reservoir and Hurd Field.

The project includes the installation

The project will cost about \$110,000

is now solely a recreational facility.

tion Commission, the project is a way of connecting and upgrading areas around the reservoir, said Dan Brosnan, recreation department superintendent. The path around the reservoir will

at the reservoir, said Wright. Final plans, accepted last week by

servation Commission meeting last

Feb. 25, at the Town Clerk's Office

(2nd floor) in the Town Hall. Anyone

who cannot do so in person may give

written authorization for any

registered voter to obtain nomination

papers in his/her behalf, or such

papers may be picked up or filed at

one of the special voter registration

sessions currently being held at the

Jan. 28 and Monday, Feb. 1 from 7:30

to 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 9

from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Final date to register to vote in the Presidential

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nomination papers at special evening

sessions should call the Town Clerk's

Office - 646-1000, X4051 - during dai-

ly hours - 9 a.m. to 5/p.m. - so that

papers may be made up ahead of

The final date for filing nomination

Upcoming sessions are Thursday,

Town Clerk's Office.

Primary).

papers is Monday, Feb. 29 at 5 p.m. It is not necessary that they be filed by the candidate as long as the candidate's written acceptance is on the nomination papers

Correction

Due to a reporting error, the type of condominiums expected by Alan McClennen Jr., director of planning and community development, to increase in Arlington was incorrectly stated in the Jan. 14 Advocate.

McClennen expects more twoand three-family dwellings in Arlington to be converted into two or three condo units. It would very unusual, he said, for a single-family home to be converted to a condo or

The Advocate regrets the error.

Dates set tor nominations

The last day to take out nomination papers for town offices including town meeting members is Thursday,

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cast off an oil truck, which then apon a vehicular homocide charge.

A hearing is tenatively-schedule for Feb. 16 for Paul V. Flynn, 23, of Cor. the Thompson School. Her sister and tage Street, on the charges stemming a passenger in Flynn's car were also from the New Year's Eve accident.

damger after he allegedly ran a stop be sent to a higher court for prosign on Franklin Street and cut off a secution.

The driver of a car that allegedly heating oil truck on Warren Street.

After the two vehicles collided, the parently went out of control and stuck out-of-control oil truck jumped the and killed a 10-year-old Arlington girl, curb near 139 Warren St., struck and has requested a magistrate's hearing killed Whitney Scott, who was walking on the sidewalk with her sister

Scott was a fourth grade student at injured.

A magistrate's hearing is held at Flynn was charged with motor the request of the person being chargwehicle hornicide and driving to en-ed and determines if the case should

Man jailed for refusal to testify is released

A 76-year-old Jason Street man, a reputed bookmaker, was ordered released from jail by the U.S. Circuit of Appeals this week after recently being imprisoned for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury.

Marris J. Moe Weinstein is the subject of an FBI investigation into organized crume.

Weinstein had been convicted twice of bookmaking with Harry (Doc.) Sagansky of Brookline, a reputed bookmaker who also recently began serving a jail sentence for refusing to testify before a grand jury. The jury was investigating the activities of several alleged organized crime

bridge Jail for about a week when he was released after an appeal.

sideration of the case.

Records for the case have been imnounded because it involves a federal

Children's author to address school

Carol Carrick, children's book author, will be spending the day. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Bishop School speaking to all the grade levels. The sixth grades will focus on writing as a career

Carrick, a resident of Massachusetts, is known and loved for her empathic picture books such as The Accident. The Foundling, Lost in the Storm and The Sand Tiger Shark. which she has created together with her husband, author-illustrator Flonaid Carrick

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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The Middlesex Conservation District is again sponsoring a tree and shrub seedling program. The seed-ings can be purchased by obtaining an order form from either the Middle Conservation District Office, 40 Nagng Park, Acton, MA 01720 or the esex Cooperative Extension Office, 105 Everett St., Concord, MA

This program is offered each spring to encourage planting for ero-sion control, wind-breaks, wildlife food and cover and beautification projects. All stock is mursery certified and is sold in bundles of 25, with deciduous trees bundled in groups of 5. Orders are made and paid for in ad-vance. No telephone orders will be accepted. The reserved orders will be ready for pick-up on April 23, the fourth Saturday in April, at the 4-H Fair Grounds in Westford.

For further information, contact either the Middlesex Conservation District at 263-2291 (Mon. - Fri. 9-3) or Middlesex County Cooperative Extension (a division of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst) at 369-4645 or 862-2380. Cooperative Extension offers equal opportunity in programs and employment.

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Charges in fatal accident Former Celtic helps in library drive

The drive to raise \$400,000 in private funds for the Robbins Library expansion and renovation program was launched last week at a reception hosted by Bank Five. With pledges and gifts given during the party at the Arlington Center branch of the bank and special gifts from trustees, a total of \$34,000 has already been raised.

Special guest was Celtics great M.L. Carr who autographed copies of his book, "Don't Be Denied," which was complimentary to select donors. A drawing for a weekend for two at an away Celtics game for donors of \$1,000 or more, donated by Bank Five, was won by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bradford

In her introductory remarks. Bank Five President Janet M. Pavliska remembered falling in love with books when a childhood illness confined her to bed for six months. "Books have been my lifelong friends and I feel strongly that children should have easy access to them. That is why Bank Five is pleased to host this fundraising event for Robbins Library.

The \$6.7 million library construction. project will provide renovation of the original 1999 Italian Renaissance building and a 21,700-square-foot addition. The addition will include a new children's room, reference department and study areas.

Memorial gifts to honor both the living and deceased are invited by the campaign, as well as gifts designated for a particular use. A catalogue of furnishings which can be purchased may be seen at the Robbins Library director's office. In addition, the new elevator, the courtvand, and several rooms may be named by large

The Robbins Library campaign committee, which is headed by Margaret H. Spengler, is now planning personal solicitations of leadership gifts. Dozens of community leaders have volunteered to seek



Former Celtic M.L. Carr is poised to autograph his book for those making donations for the enlargement of Robbins Library

solicitations from businesses and residents in the coming weeks.

The campaign committee welcomes any help from residents who would like to host a fundraising event or assist with campaign activities. Those who would like to know more about the library or the building program may arrange speakers and tours through the director's office at 641-4884

Brochures showing the floor plans for the building program are available in the three library branches, in Town Hall offices and at some business locations

Donations may be sent to the campaign committee at the library, 700 Mass. Ave.



Benfactors of the Robbins Library expansion proposal gather in Bank Five in Arlington Center last week during a successful intial fund-

NEWS NOTES

'House Party' to include legislative leaders

The Arlington Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring a 'House Party" from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday. Jan. 29 at First Panish Unitarian Universalist Church.

Invited to the gathering are U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, Speaker of the Massachusetts House George Keverian, House Majority Leader Charles Flaherty and Assistant Majority Whip Mary Jane Gibson.

Arlington hosts are State Sen. Richard Kraus and State Rep. Robert

The gathering, which includes a donation of \$10 to enter, is designed to let residents meet and talk with legislative leaders, and local representatives. Senior citizens are invited free

Local Bar group to meet Feb. 4

The annual dinner and business meeting of the Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont Bar Association will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Howard Johnson's-Motor Inn. 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge.

Cocktails, cheese and crackers will be served followed by brief remarks by Honorable Robert A. Havern, III Representative from Arlington, whose topic will be "Tort Reform in Massachusetts: A Legislative Perspective." The charge for the dinner will be \$22.

At this meeting, Kenneth J. Simmons, esquire, will be installed as president of the Association.

mation, call Attorney Martin C Foster at 661-7100 Y offers class to improve English

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ly invited to attend. For further infor-

Great news for Arlington residents wishing to improve their English conversational skills. In nearby Waltham the second cycle of the English as a Second Language program has just begun. The classes are conducted by the International Services branch of the YMCA and offer various levels of instruction for people whose native

language is not English. The educational core is complemented by both job placement and counseling programs. It is an exty to learn Er while at the same time being a warm social experience.

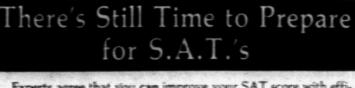
The teachers are open and friendly and have close relationships with many of the students. It is an amicable group that welcomes all Classes are held at the Christ Episcopal Church at 750 Main Street. Waltham on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9.

Prospective students are en couraged to enroll as soon as possible during these hours. At that time they are placed into the proper level and begin instruction immediately Parents with small children are not excluded: child care can be arrang ed through the coordinator. For more information, contact the International Services branch of the YMCA in Boston at 536-7800, extension 240

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Contributions for publication submitted by 4 p.m. Monday will be con sidered for that Thursday's paper Contributors are requested to sub-

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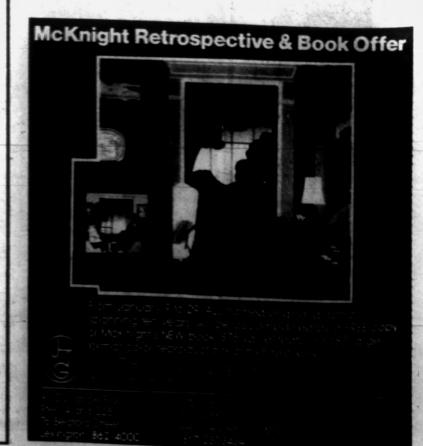
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POLICE LOG

Arrests

A 25-year-old Arlington man was arrested at his home at 276 Mass. Ave. on Jan. 19 on a violation of probation

An Everett man was arrested at about 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 20 after a police officer saw his car rolling backward on Mass. Avenue.

The man was stopped on Mass. Avenue near Lowell Street and charged with operating under the influence. giving a false name to a police officer and operating without a license.

On Jan. 21, a 23-year-old Plymouth woman was also arrested at Mass. Avenue and Lowell Street after being pulled over for a traffic violation. The woman was wanted on an outstanding warrant from Malden.

Two Cambridge men were arrested on Jan. 23 after the car they were riding in was stopped at Franklin and Warren streets

The driver, a 23-year-old man, was charged with operating a vehicle after his license had been revoked. A computer check revealed the man was also wanted on outstanding warrants for seven counts of larceny and forgery.

The passenger, a 26-year-old man, was drinking beer in the car and charged with public drinking. Shortly after 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 24,

a Holliston man was pulled over near Court Street for speeding on Mass. Avenue. The man was charged with driving after his license had been revoked.

A 27-year-old Cambridge man was arrested on Jan. 24 after being pulled over because his car did not have an inspection sticker on his 1973

A check with the Registry's computer showed the man was wanted on several outstanding traffic warrants and his license had been revoked. He was also charged with operating an unregistered vehicle, operating an uninsured vehicle and attaching the

improper plates to the car.

Larcenies

A doctor at 251 Mass. Ave. reported on Jan. 21 that cash and a prescription had been taken from an outer office

On Jan. 22, a Westford man told police four suits and three suit coats had been taken from his car while it was parked in a lot adjacent to the high

Pioneer stereo, valued at \$300, was taken from her 1985 Volkswagen while it was parked on Jan. 23 on Kilsythe

On Jan. 23, a Sylvia Street woman told police a Blaupunket AM/FM stereo had been taken from her 1986 Volkswagen while it was parked at her

A Bellingham man reported on Jan. 23 his 1984 Porsche had been broken into, while parked on Rublee Street, and a \$200 Whistler radar detector was

On Jan. 25, a Cleveland Street woman reported black louvers had been taken off the rear window of her 1988 Camaro when the car was parked overnight at her house.

Break-ins

On Jan. 19, someone from Ripples Hair Styling, 309 Broadway, told police \$100 cash had been taken from a A Scituate woman reported a cabinet that had apparently been force

> A Woodside Lane woman reported on Jan. 20 a back door at her house had been forced open and several items including jewelry and Hummel figurines

On Jan. 20, a South Easton woman told police that while her car was parked in front of 1228 Mass. Ave., the driver's side window was forced, the tape deck was damaged and several tapes and two plane tickets were

A Farmer Road woman reported on Jan. 20 someone had broken into her house during the day and had taken \$400 in cash and assorted jewelry.

On Jan. 23, someone from Regent Cleaners, 463 Mass. Ave., reported a 3-foot by 6-foot window had been broken and a cash register containing \$25 was missing. A cash register was found about a day later on the Railroad tracks near Linwood Street.

Vandalism

A 3-foot by 6-foot window at the Brigham's Restaurant on Mill Street was broken when someone threw a barrel through the front window during the night of Jan. 22.

On Jan. 22, a Pleasant Street woman reported the corridors of her apartment building had been painted with black spray paint.

An Oakland Avenue man told police someone had run over his hedges with an automobile

On Jan. 24, a Gardner Street residen't told police a 1-foot by 2-foot cellar window had been smashed by

unknown youths. Early on Jan. 25, a 4-foot by 6-foot window had been reported smashed at

Grecian Jewelry, 27 Mystic St. Another

window the same size had been struck

Miscellaneous

by BB shots

On Jan. 20, a depression on Broadway at Sunnyside Avenue tied up morning rush hour traffic and caused damage to several vehicles. The road has now been leveled off and the Department of Public Works will patch the area

An Allen Street woman hit a wall on Court Street Place on Jan. 21 at about 3 p.m. The woman apparently lost control of the 1970 Chevrolet and the car accelerated into the wall



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Staff photographer Paul Drake won a first place award for his photo of an Arlington girl at her first day of school. Drake also won awards for photos he dozens of papers in the six-state New

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Some phones now require \$.25

Arlington residents may have noticed that some public pay phones don't work properly, but the phones are the not the problem -some machines are now designed only to take quarters.

The 25-cent pay phone has begun creeping into Arlington in the privately leased phones. The public pay phones on street corners and other locations in town are still accepting 10 cents for a call.

A spokesman for NYNEX said the

25-cent machines are allowable, but are only being used by some of the business and store owners who lease pay phones from the utility

Although there have not been any problems with the new 25-cent phones in an emergency, police and fire dispatchers have been told by people calling on routine business the new phones have delayed their calls.

"People aren't familar with the new phones and we've had people think there's a problem with the phone on our end," said John Carroll, director of police

pay phones cost 25 cents in many states and it is likely all pay phones will cost more in the future, the company spokesman said.

As far as emergency use, the company suggests people pay closer attention to the instructions on the phone or in emergency situations requiring the police or fire departments, dial "0" for

Two men nabbed in robbery scheme:

Two East Arlington men were arrested on Jan. 20 after they allegedly tried to rob the Christy's Market by claiming to be managers, police said.

Edward J. Capasso, 20, of Gardner St., and Jeffery S. Harlow, 17, of Fremont Court, were arrested and charged with attempted unarmed robbery of the 245 Mass. Ave. store.

Ottoson students hear speakers

On Thursday, Jan. 14, Ottoson students enjoyed an assembly on law and the judicial system.

One of the speakers, Judge Marie Jackson-Thompson, is a graduate of Harvard and is also a lawyer. She spoke to students and teachers about different types of crime and how it is dealt with.

State Representative Robert Havern also spoke to students about his background and how much incentive it takes to become a lawyer. He also encouraged children to read more if they plan to become a lawyer. Both speakers encouraged students never to give up their dreams because nothing is impossible if you try hard

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The two had allegedly called the managers from the Christy's at Broad- ed for the money, they were apway Plaza. The two said they were supposed to pick up a cash deposit.

After receiving the phone call, the managers notified police, who waited outside the store on Mass. Avenue said John Carroll, director of police. case was continued.

When Capasso and Harlow arrived Christy's Market and said they were at about 10:20 p.m. and allegedly askprehended by officers James Fitzpatrick and Thomas Heller.

The two were arraigned on Jan. 21. and their case was continued to a later waiting for the two men to show up, date. They pleaded not guilty and the

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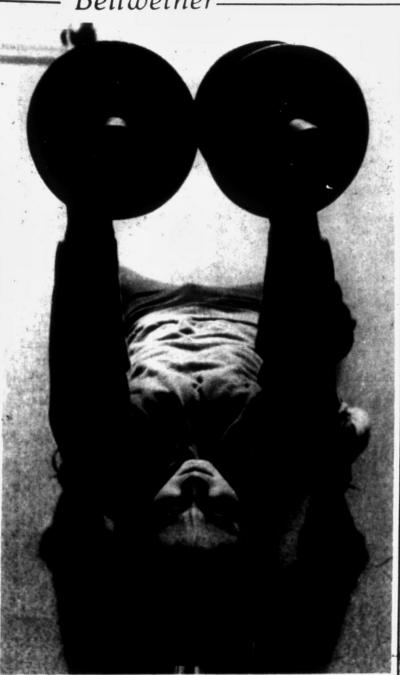
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LIBRARY NOTES

Local singer featured for tots

The Children's Services Department of the Robbins Library will sponsor a performance by popular local singer Hugh Hanley in the main Junior Library on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10:30 a.m. Hanley's concert will be directed at children ages 3 and up and will feature a variety of familiar, singable songs. No advance sign-up is required for this program.

Childrens magazines available

Twenty-five children's magazine titles are among the items available for checkout in the main Robbins Junior Library. The magazines serve a wide range of ages, from preschool through Junior High, and provide information on a variety of children's

interests and hobbies. Children's magazines, including the current month's issue, may be taken out for the regular three-week checkout

Hitchcock thriller at Fox branch

The movie thriller "North by Nor-

thwest" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library on Friday, Jan. 29 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Enemy agents try to kill a businessman, mistaken for a spy, because he knows too much. The film has become famous for its classic crop-dusting scenes and the climax at Mount Rushmore.

The film stars Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Mason, was direced by Alfred Hitchcock, is in color and runs for 136 minutes. It is free,

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Agnes celebrates Catholic school week

St. Agnes School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week during Feb. 1-5. The theme of this year's celebration is "Catholic Schools Share the Spirit." During this Centennial Year of St. Agnes School, the students and faculty are striving to share the spirit which is their legacy from the students and faculty of the past 100

St. Agnes School plans to celebrate the week with a variety of special events. The schedule is as follows:

•Monday: At 1 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in St. Agnes Church for the entire student body. Parents and friends are invited

•Tuesday: Parents and friends are invited to Open House from 8:30 -11:15 in Grades K-8.

•Wednesday: West of the Moon storytellers, Laura Pershin and Ellen Block, will entertain the students of Grades K-8 during the morning in three separate sessions: 9 - 9:45, Grades 4,5,6; 10 - 10:45, Grades 7,8; 11 - 11:45, Grades K,1,2,3.

•Thursday: Teacher Appreciation Day — St. Agnes School Family Association will provide lunch for the

•Friday: School will not be in session for students on this day. Teachers will participate in a Day of Recollection at St. Joseph Villa in

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On Monday we will serve Sausage

and Pancakes w/Maple Syrup and Applesauce. This is accompanied by Orange Juice for a refreshing way to receive some vitamins & minerals. Tuesday, Meat Ball Sub is served with Whole Kernel Corn along with a Cookie and White Milk. Wednesday's Chowich is teamed up with Tomato and Pickle to add some crunch, followed by 100 percent Fruit Juice. Thursday Roast Turkey and Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Whipped Potato and Dinner Roll precedes Carrot Cake to accompany White Milk. Friday brings you the Chow Daddy Combination-Pizza with 100 percent fruit juice and your Dy-no-mite bar with Milk.

Secondary schools offer a selective menu. Selecting 1 entree, 2 servings of fruit and vegetable plus 8 oz of white milk is the School Lunch pattern which provides 1/3 of each students daily nutritional requirements for \$1.10. A choice of the

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following entrees are available daily: Pizza, Cold Cut Sub, Assorted Sandwiches and Salad Plates. In addition specials are indicated as follows.

The secondary school entrees are: Monday, Chicken McSchool; Tuesday, Meat Ball sub; Wednesday, Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Macaroni & Cheese; Thursday, Roast Turkey; Friday, Variety Day

Note: On rare occasions menu changes are made without notice due to circumstances beyond our control.

Peirce Kindergarten questions answered

On Wednesday evening Feb. 3 there will be a meeting for all 1988-89 Peirce Kindergarten parents in the Peirce School Auditorium, basement

floor, at 7:30 p.m.

The school entrance on Newland Road will be open.

A panel consisting of the principal, Marilyn E. Flaherty; kindergarten teacher, Barbara Tomsuden; the school nurse, Marilyn Kiley and representatives from the Peirce School P.T.O. will briefly discuss the procedure for filling out registration forms, P.T.O. activities, Kindergarten curriculum and the Kindergarten from the parent's point of view

A coffee hour will follow. Registration materials will be given out at this meeting.

Forms must be filled out and returned on Registration Day, Wednesday, March 2.

If you have not received an invitation to the Peirce orientation meeting for Kindergarten and your child was born in 1983, your name is not on our Kindergarten list, please contact the principal's office at 646-1000 x3370.

for interested academically talented juniors. Six week summer program at Milton Academy. Nominating deadline is Jan. 29. See guidance for application and information.

Seniors - Watch your deadlines on all college applications - Bridgewater State deadline is Feb. 15 for all applicants. U. Mass Boston/Amherst deadline is March 1. Also be aware of recommendations and request for transcripts to be sent to colleges.

Scholarships - Brown University

\$1,000 scholarship. Sons of Italy - Deadline March 15. Christa McAuliffe Scholarship must be top 15 percent of class and planning to attend Framingham

Reginia Elena - Sons of Italy ▶ (girls) - sign up in guidance office. Warren A. Geraghty Memorial Scholarship - student interested in a career in Graphic Communications. Deadline May 30.

Town of Arlington Scholarship applications in guidance. Deadline

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information in main guidance.
The following scholarships are

available through Miss Gorman in room 305. Students planning to attend Art Institute of Boston, Fisher J.C. or Mt. Ida. Students planning to enter a teacher training program at a 4-year . college. Students interested in apply ing for a \$350 Art Scholarship. Any 9th or 10th grade student wishing to enter an essay contest for \$25. Preliminary A.H.S. Scholarship applications are due back to Miss Gorman by Friday, Feb. 12.

New - Rebekah Assembly - 10 awards of \$300 each - deadline March 1 - applications and information in main guidance.

Open House - Salve Regina - Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be an informational

program for juniors and their parents on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Financial Aid Hotline - Got a finan-

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Guidance bulletin

Mass Advanced Studies Program

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How To Say I Love You

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ching earrings? She would no doubt appreciate the style of a special "I love you" accompanying an amethyst pearl enhancer. Or, remind your valentine how special your years together have been by treating her with a ring set with diamonds — one for each year you've shared.

As for selecting a gift for a man, jewelry can be a wonderful surprise. Many men say they like the idea of a little jewelry, but they would never buy it for themselves. Tell that man you're proud of him and that you love him enough to give him a special gift. Some men are pleased with the blues of lapis or a rich looking black onyx set in either a ring, a tie tac or cuff links. Others prefer the more traditional signet ring which can be dressed up with diamonds if he desires. Perhaps a fashionable new watch would be more appropriate for him this year.

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Miss Honor engaged to Mr. Sullivan

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Honor of Somerset, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Anne to Mark T. Sullivan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Sullivan of Arlington. A spring wedding is planned

Miss Tyrrell is affianced to Mr. Balboni

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Tyrrell Jr. of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Elizabeth, to Michael S. Balboni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Balboni of Pelham,

Ms. Tyrrell is a 1982 cum laude graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her fiance is a 1975 magna cum laude graduate of Boston College, where he received his master's degree in business administration.

An October wedding is planned.

Miss Wagstaff to be bride of Mr. MacLeod

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wagstaff of Exeter, N.H., formerly of Marblehead, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia, to Charles MacLeod, son of Mr. Herbert A. MacLeod and the late Majorie MacLeod, of Arlington. A summer wedding is planned.

Miss Wagstaff graduated from the

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Preston, Jr.

(Dianne Ferretti) of Arlington an-

nounce the birth of their son, Eric

John, on Jan. 12, at Mount Auburn

and Paul Preston, Sr. of Arlington.

Materal grandfather is Louis Ferrette

Paternal grandparents are Claire

University of New Hampshire and Keene State College. She is currently employed as Training Coordinator for Century 21 of New England, Inc., in Burlington. Mr. MacLeod graduated from St. Michael's College and is employed as an operations supervisor for United Parcel Service.

Miss Maloney engaged to wed Mr. Krupkowski

Brian A. Maloney, Sr. of Bed-minister, N.J. and Caroline T. Maloney of Mendham, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Eileen, to Mark Daniel Krupkowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Krupkowski of Arlington.

Miss Maloney, a 1980 graduate of Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone, N.J., attended County College of Morris, Randolph, N.J., and is employed as an assistant account representative at Corroon & Black of Massachusetts, Boston.

A June wedding is planned.

Mr. Krúpkowski is a 1978 graduate of Boston College High School. He is a 1982 magna cum laude graduate of Boston College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics. Mr. Krupkowski is a certified financial planner with Broderick Associates of Cambridge.

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BIRTHS

Amanda Graham

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J Graham (Marianne Tirico) of Framingham announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Leigh, on Dec. 30, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cam-

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Graham, Jr. of Lexington. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Tirico, Jr. of Arlington.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Graham, Sr. of Framingham and Catherine D'Ambrosio of Lexington.

Ryan Shell

Robert and Ellen (Jolley) Shell of Waltham announce the birth of a son, Ryan Thomas, on Dec. 15 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Granparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jolley of Hyde Park and Mrs. Marjorie Pugliese of Arlington.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zoland of Wollaston and Mr. Richard Lutus of Arlington. Ryan joins his sister, Meghan.

of Arlington. Eric joins his brothers, David and

Jonathan Ryan

Eric Preston

Hospital in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Ryan (Karen Crescentini) of Wilmington announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Louis, on Jan. 7, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Cresentini of Arlington. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Rose Ryan of Arlington and the late John J. Ryan.

Paternal great-grandfather is Michael Campinell of Medford.

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Jonathan joins his brother, Shaun

HEALTH

Visiting nurses continue fund drive

With an over-goal of \$91,000, the 87-88 Fund Raising Drive of Visiting Nurse and Community Health, Inc., has been launched with a general appeal to the community, Jayne A. Tapia, executive director, has announ

She said that the current appeal will provide continued funding for the Free Care Fund and for the Senior Health Monitor Program. The latter program supports 40 low income elders by providing nursing intervention in order to assist them to remain at home.

A report of the successful Fund Appeal held between November 1986 and October 1987 revealed unprecedented financial support from the community, corporations and foundations with a total of \$83,186 raised. Deep appreciation of the VNCH organization goes, she said, to Marta M. Frank of Winchester, fund raising chair, and Norman Friedman of Arlington, president of the board of directors.

With community support solidly behind them VNCH looks ahead to the next successful year. In addition to the general appeal to the community, events planned for the upcoming campaign include:

A Phonathon for civic groups and small businesses later in January.

The Annual Telethon to be held in Spring.

Current appeals to foundations and corporations.

The four-community service area of Visiting Nurse and Community Health is Arlington, Burlington, Lexington, and Winchester.

-Volunteer drive



Sidney Gerrold of Arlington volunteers in the Symmes Hospital reception room. The hospital still needs more volunteers to wait on customers in the gift shop. Training is provided. Hours would be on weekends. Duos or couples are welcome. Proceeds from the shop benefit the hospital. Call volunteer services at 646-1500, ext. 1067 to learn more about the position.

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BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

Massachusetts House January 15, 1988

The House. "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records local representatives' votes on 8 roll calls from the final hectic days of the 1987 legislative session.

Auto Insurance (H 6311)- House 88-58, refused to recommit the House Ways and Means version of the auto insurance reform package to the Insurance Committee

Supporters of the recommital said the Insurance Committee, not Ways and Means, should review the matter and report out a bill.

Recommittal opponents said there is an auto insurance crisis in the state and urged the House to consider the bill on its merits

A Yea vote is for recommittal. A Nay vote is against recommittal. Representative Robert Havern

voted no. Representative Mary Jane Gibson

voted no.

Tort Threshold (H 6311)- House 135-15, rejected an auto insurance reform package amendment raising the "tort threshold" from the \$1000 proposed in the bill to \$2000. The current "tort threshold," the amount of medical expenses which must be reached before a party can sue for personal injury, is \$500.

Amendment supporters, noting the \$500 figure was established in 1970, said medical expenses have risen dramatically and claimed the higher \$2000 figure is needed to eliminate frivolous suits

Opponents said doubling the threshold to \$1000 is sufficient and claimed a hike to \$2000 is excessive

and will eliminate legislative suits. A Yea vote is for the \$2000 hike. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted no.

Gibson voted no. Convention Center (H 6319)- House 131-20, rejected an amendment to the \$100 million bond issue for construction and expansion of civic centers and exhibition halls across the state. The amendment would allow funds to go only to halls and centers which

hold 1000 people or more.

Amendment supporters said the 1000 minimum will insure the money is used only on major projects that will promote tourism and bring

money into the state. Opponents, noting the amendment would unfairly eliminate 12 of 20 pen-

ding projects, said it is too restrictive. A Yea vote is for the amendment.

A Nay vote is against it. Havern voted no.

Gibson voted no. Zoos (H 6344)- House 84-59, approved a new version of a bill establishing a public non-profit, Commonwealth Zoological Corporation to oversee and manage the operation and improvement of the Franklin

Park Zoo in Boston and the Stone Zoo in Stoneham. Supporters said the bill is necessary in order to improve that state's deteriorating zoos.

Opponents, noting the Corporation will cost millions, said the Inspector

Monday, Feb. 1:

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Wednesday, Feb. 3:

floor, Arlington High School.

John Tabor

General has serious concerns about the bill and they argued it should be rejected in its current vague form.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes. Gibson voted ves.

PACs (H 6289)- House 135-0, gave initial approval to a bill limiting an individual's contribution to any one political action committee (PAC) to

Supporters said recent House action raised questions about whether this cap had been mistakenly removed and noted this bill clarifies the law and insures the limit.

A Yea vote is for the bill. Havern voted yes Gibson voted yes.

MWRA (H 6348)- House 110-48, reected an amendment to the bill giving the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) legal access to all 12 sites it is considering as locations for sludge disposal facilities for cleaning up Boston Harbor. The amendment would allow cities and towns to have two people accompany MWRA's agents when they survey and conduct tests on a community's land and would allow a community to evaluate the accuracy

Amendment supporters said this home rule amendment simply allows a community to have access and the opportunity to work with the MWRA.

Opponents, claiming the bill has sufficient safeguards, said the amendment makes the bill cumbersome and the process unworkable.

A Yea vote is for the amendment. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted no. Gibson voted no.

MWRA Sites (H 6348)- House 109-48, rejected an MWRA bill amendment allowing the MWRA to enter and survey only potential sites designated by the Authority by June

Amendment supporters said this simply insures the Authority is given access to only sites currently designated and will prevent the Authority from abusing its power.

Opponents said the amendment is unworkable and eliminates the possibility of other sites being con-

A Yea vote is for the amendment. Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted no. Gibson voted no.

Energy Conservation (H 6258)-House 137-0, gave final approval and sent to the Senate a \$15 million bond issue to fund a program designed to award grants to cities and towns to pay for energy conservation measures in public buildings.

Supporters said the program has been used by 260 communities and has provided estimated energy savings of \$9 million.

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A Yea vote is for the bill. Havern voted yes. Gibson voted yes.

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a chance

We all can help "give peace a

trust Ortega" but by the same token, can those five neighbors of ours trust us to respect their nationalistic goals, their desire to reduce their vast poverty, their desire to stablize their military repression rather than

The Arias Peace Plan, written themselves, sets in motion a new

Oppressed need our support

TO THE EDITOR:
This year marks the 20th year of

Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia. The christian people of that land have asked us to pray that somehow the freedom to worship — any basic freedom for that matter - would be returned to them. Let us do so. This is also the 6th year of com-munist oppression of Nicaragua. In

that land, however, there is still the chance to expel the oppresser before his totalitarian stranglehold is complete. To rely on treaties and promises is naive and a stance totally ignorant of history. Communists have never kept a treaty past the time it served their interests, have never given a country its freedom once enslaved, and have always vowed to take over the world, piece by piece. Let us stand by those in govern-

ment who are committed to securing basic freedoms for individuals everywhere, and seriously question those who refuse to admit to the plain teaching of history, whatever their reasons may be. How selfish and shortsighted can

we be to enjoy what we have while refusing to help others who will die for their freedom. If Lafayette had taken that position and, "dialogued," with the British, where would we be? T.F. Eynon III

Supper was big success TO THE EDITOR:

The Arlington Seniors Association

Images from our past-



Arlington's first house, the Adams House, is seen behind a large tree at what is now Mass. Ave. and Mystic Street. The photo image, taken in the early 1840s, is from where the First Parish Unitarian Church now stands at Mass. Ave. and Pleasant Street. The house was built in 1636 and removed in to some.

1846 to make way for railroad tracks through town. The Arlington Center intersection has undergone many drastic changes since the town's colonial days. The loss of houses such as the federal style to the right, storefront at left is, however, regretable (Courtesy Arlington Historical Society)

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GUEST COLUMN

Computer hack dissuaded by technology

By EUGENE GOTZ

Special to the Advocate

Resistance is futile. The computer age is here and the computer holds sway. Our fate, fame and fortune is governed and dictated by the despotic computer. I recently bowed my

bloody head to the inevitable and concluded that modern life and the computer are one and the same.

However, I am optimistic by nature and not one content to swim circles in the bathtub. If you can't lick them - then join them. With this

wishes to thank all the people who

helped in the Sunday supper at the center on Sunday, Jan. 16. The following is a list of volunteers:

Chairman Lou Innelli; co-chairmen Lou Rubino and Frank In-

geme; committee persons Peg

Maguire, Mary Whalen, Laura In-

geme, Florence Davidson, and Rose

Rubino. Invited guests attending

were, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCabe,

Jack Donohue and Frank Hurd.

Chairman publicity committee

Philip A. Mercandetti

Everyone had a bang up time.

governing principle in mind, I decided to take up the study and science of the computer world.

Off to the library and an intensive self-educational program. Wonder of wonders - it was as easy as falling off a log, getting wet in the rain, growing weeds in the garden. In an incredibly short time I became a computer expert.

Since theory without practical application is useless, the next step, obiously, was the purchase a

(See COMPUTER, page 10)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give peace

TO THE EDITOR:

chance" in Central American by urging our representatives to oppose fur-ther contra funding in Nicaragua when the votes comes up on Feb. 3 in

One part of the Arias Peace Plan calls for halting outside aid to insurgents. Continuing aid to the rebels in Nicaragua, who assassinate health workers, force schools to close, burn cooperatives, and who operate inside the borders of Honduras and Costa Rica, helps undermine the peace accords recently signed by the five Central American countries.

Much has been made of "can we governments, and to cease supporting reform

principally by the Central Americans chapter in the region's history that deserves our respect and support.

NHL is culprit in hockey fights

TO THE EDITOR:

National Hockey League, father of American Hockey for the past 60 years, has only encouraged vicious, destructive stupid fights and brawls High school and college sons emulate their hockey fathers' actions, good and bad

NHL encourages, condones and looks the other way to a sincere effort to stop the brawls. Why not suspend players for several games? (Never: \$\$ Profit). They only get a slap on the During the last Montreal/Bruins

game, more time was spent fighting, than playing the game. Hockey is the only sport referees

stand around to referee fights instead of stopping them - SHOCKING!!!! Hockey is a great game. Wake up National Hockey League and stop this

mayhem on the ice. If not, bill the game as, "Hockey and Fight Nites." Players should use their energy learning to play the game. Ninety-five percent of the players are just

As the great "Branch Rickey" said, "Increase the League, dilute the product." Like adding water to wine, you get water! **Old Timer**

Bill Santo AHS '38

P.S. One night there will be a killing on the ice. Remember the Eddie Shore — Ace Bailey incident? **Bank Five**

thanked for assistance

TO THE EDITOR:

mediocre.

I would like to express thanks to President Janet Pavliska and the other officers of Bank Five for the reception they hosted last week to launch the fund-raising campaign for the renovations and expansion of Rob-

bins Library.

At the festive "kick-off party" many guests made contributions and pledges. Others expressed support and would come after consultation with business associates or family.

The first response of almost 10 per-cent of a goal of \$400,000 is very encouraging to the fund-raising committe

fourth Middlesex district voted with Over the years Bank Five has sup-

ported many community projects. They have assisted Arlingtonians of all ages, children, youths and adults, in programs that make our town a better place to live.

As our campaign now moves out to the greater business community, we hope to find the same enthusiastic support for Robbins Library that we received from Bank Five.

Thank you, Bank Five, for your participation and support.

Peg Spengler

What's in

a name TO THE EDITOR:

And to think that it happened in

Arlington Mass An Anonymous Advocate again comes to pass.

With Bilafous Barnacles baying the moon And condemning with contumely King's Donahoon. (No names are affixed, do you

know what I mean? Reputations are ruined; the thiefs left the scene.) "Lyons lurk," says she ruthfully,

with Syballine scourge And Murdoch's marauders delight in the dirge.

Politics pall in this corner of Middlesex; We dance to the tune of the

Boywonder's fiddle hex. Wine weaves through the town that abstemiates nourish.

Rupert wonders whyever a business should flourish. Feeley, Cusack and Carey and Hurd are all mentioned

As candidates spawned of democratic dementia. Who, do you think, can be released from the den

Of runners-for-office worth the Anonymous Pen? Oh, a runner or two is judged worthy of votes;

Anon gives no reasons, not even their quotes 'La Hill' is alive with the sound of

And thinks that she'll win. What giddy delusion. Makes Menotomy's voters assume

an election Requires the voice of anonymous direction? I sign with the name that I use

when I'm greeting
My IRS agent and Members of Town Meeting. I blush and I wonder; do I ever

To end with my signature, namely, Jack Mayer TMM Precinct 16

Dislikes senators stand on issue

TO THE EDITOR: Now that the Massachusetts legislature has completed its session, it should be noted by all thoughtful voters that the senator from the

utter consistency in support of and amendment to the Civil Rights law of as the Commonwealth which would add 70 "sexual preference" — an interesting a euphemism for homosexuality — as ** a right not to be abridged in housing, employment, credit, and public acredit

commodations. There are about 75,000 registered of voters in the three towns and one ci-1* ty which make up the present fourthw

Middlesex district. I find it nearly impossible to believe that the majority of these voters would favor the passage of this so-called "Gay Rights Bill" in the absence in the media of specific and detailed examples of denials of these rights to housing, employment, credit, and public accommodations to avowed homosexuals.

It would seem, however, that the senator from the fourth Middlesex district, in possession perhaps of specific examples of denials, was confident that his political constituency agreed with his votes.

Here is one who does not agree with the senator from the fourth Middlesex district, and I look forward eagerly to the candidacy of a bright, young, articulate man or woman who will step forth to challenge the senator from the fourth Middlesex district at the next primary.

John Reilly

Not happy with wine exception

TO THE EDITOR: We were very dismayed to read

that the Arlington Selectmen have enacted a "carry-in wine" policy that affects one select restaurant. And we were outraged to learn that the Selectmen assume that this is an issue too "frivolous" to be placed on a referendum ballot! For us, this question is very much a "quality-of-life" decision. We have worked very hard to make our home in Arlington after

moving from Allston-Brighton. Allston-Brighton is a pathetic reminder of how a once nice com; munity can quickly deteriorate because of a liquor licensing policy, that rages out of control as it favors the bars and liquor stores over the citizens. The "carry-in" policy as reported

in the Advocate is haphazard, capricious, and unenforceable. Furthermore, it reinforces the notion that select interest groups can have their own way at the expense of the general community. The Town should have a consistent liquor policy that can be fairly applied to all restaurants or to no restaurants.

At a time when we ask our youth to hang tough against alcohol, it is in credible that the selectmen should see fit to open the flood gates with an illconceived liquor policy that only in-vites abuse. At the very least, give the townspeople an opportunity to voice their opinions through a general referendum. Thank you. Name withheld

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Phillipine visit gives insight to reasons for unrest

Divinity school student comes back to spread word

By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER

"Americans know so little about the Philippines and what they hear tends to be only positive propaganda. In fact, the poor people are suffering human rights abuses under the Aquino government that rival the Marcos regime in terms of severity," said Rebecca Pugh.

During a recent interview, Pugh presented her impressions of life in the Philippines, the result of a nine-

week visit there last summer. To educate people about current conditions in that country, Pugh is giving slide shows and sermons to churches, schools, and groups throughout the area. A resident of Arlington since 1986, she is working toward a master of theology degree from the Harvard Divinity School.

Pugh was inspired to go to the Philippines by Father Ed de la Torre, a Roman Catholic priest and former political prisoner who has been described as the Martin Luther King, Jr. of the Philippines.

"Father Ed came to the United States to give sermons and inform Americans about the human rights issues facing the people," said Pugh.

After hearing two of his sermons, Pugh began to think seriously about traveling to the Philippines herself. Nancy Rockwell, the minister at Pugh's church in Lincoln and a friend of Father Ed, helped arrange accommodations in the Philippines and fundraising here.

The trip was supported by grants and donations from the Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Pugh's religious denomination. In return for the financial support, she is running workshops, preaching sermons, and teaching people what she learned

She also took a reading course on history and the theology of the Philippines with Harvey Cox, a professor at the Divinity School who teaches a course in liberation theology. Pugh kept journals and writings during the trip and shared them with Cox's students upon her return.

"I went to the Philippines to explore the connections between faith and political issues, but especially to see how poor people find the power within their faith to change their political situation," said Pugh. "This power, which is called the theology of struggle in the Philippines, and liberation theology in Latin America, enables people to say 'No' to oppressive situations because of the Biblical history of God's leading the people to freedom. One example is the Exodus story of Moses leading the people of Israel out of Egypt.

'For instance, people are entitled to decent wages. I met some villagers who were considering supporting a nearby strike because the workers weren't getting enough money. They felt that strike has become a religious issue." Pugh added that "in this country, people tend to look at Scripture and say, 'What does this text say to me, to console me?' In the Philip-pines, they asked, 'What does it say to our community about the existing situation here?

This attitude also comes from a changing image of Jesus Christ. Pugh "When the Spanish occupied the Philippines, they gave the people an image of Jesus as a gentle baby saint (Santo Nino). They were taught to be like that image, to accept whatever came along in this life.

Today, through theology of struggle, the people are given a different image of Jesus, not as a gentle baby, but as an adult - one who overturns the moneychangers' tables in the Temple and befriends the poor andthe prostitutes. Many people are embracing that image.

Her trip took nine weeks, from the end of June to early September. Home base for the first three weeks was a Roman Catholic Benedictine convent on the grounds of St. Scholastica College in Manila. Said Pugh, "There were nine Sisters of the convent, including my host Sister Mary John Mananzan, the dean of the college. Sister Mananzan, an activist for the poor, was involved in a protest over the oil price hike, and in nuclear weapons freeze movement."

According to Pugh, the Sisters welcomed her into the community. She said, "As a Congregationalist, I didn't know the Rosary or a number of the other Catholic prayers, but I was glad to learn. I participated in the Sisters' religious ceremonies during the day; evenings we would sit together and discuss issues or play cards. They truly became my

Pugh said she needed their support when she returned from visits to the slums of Manila. She said, "My first trip to the slums was especially difficult. I stayed in a house where five of us slept in one bed and there were pigs oinking around us day and night. The woman who owned the house didn't have very good eyesight so the house hadn't been swept for a long time. There were bugs everywhere and you couldn't drink the water. When I came back to the convent, it was helpful to have people to share my experiences with, to discuss issues with.'

She spent time in other areas: Cordiliera in the north where she met tribal Philipinos; Mindanao, in a tiny mountain village; Negros, the major island of the sugar industry; Dumuguete, a southern city; and Subic Bay wehre she lived with prostitutes around the U.S. base.

Said Pugh, "In Mindano, the villagers had a crisis because of the logging industry. As more logs were removed, the streets and fields were being destroyed and the people couldn't take care of themselves. To deal with this crisis, the people got together and read the Bible. They decided that the logging had to stop



Rebecca Pugh, a Harvard Divinity School student, says Filipinos are not faring much better under the Aquino government, and many seek alliance with communist groups to better their lives.

because it was denying them the right to make a living growing their crops. The people wrote letters and set up pickets so the logging trucks couldn't get up the mountain to the trees. It was a good example of faith in ac-

In Negros, Pugh saw the plight of the sugar farmers. "These people don't own their own homes or land. They survive as squatters. Paid with coupons and not cash, the workers and their families are forced to buy goods at high-priced plantation

Even though the minimum wage

is 32 pesos (\$1.60 U.S.) a day, only 20 percent of the workers were receiving it — the rest got less. Sugar growing is also a seasonal crop and over the past two years, the amount of sugar production has dropped," said "Approximately 100,000 Philipinos lost their jobs.

Pugh also went on a fact-finding mission to a southern area near Dumuguete. The only non-Philipino on the expedition, Pugh accompanied a lawyer and several journalists who wanted to document the stories of the local people. She said, "The military forces, supposedly looking for the

Communists, had been through the area, bombing the village, burning the houses, and terrorizing the people. 'When we asked them, 'Are you

sheltering the Communists?', they would say, 'No, we haven't even seen them for months. We're just trying to make a living for ourselves.' Then the lawyer asked them, 'What would you do if the Communists came here? Their answer was very telling: 'We would probably join them because we've been pushed to that point. All the government has done is hurt us." Pugh has harsh words for the

United States presence in the Philip-

in the Third World is appalling. We're manipulating the government so much, putting pressure on it to cater to American interests and the multinational companies, such as Dole and Del Monte who have businesses there.

"If we closed the military bases, that manipulation would be lessened, and the land could be used by the people. The military leaders love to say that tons of money is pouring out of the bases and supporting the Philippine economy. In fact, a lot of it goes to prostitution. And much of the rest is spent on maintenance and upkeep of the bases.

She also believes that closing the bases would lessen the military threat to the Philippines. "Because of our presence there, the Philippines have become a target," said Pugh. "The people I talked with believe that there are nuclear weapons on the American

There is also a lot of tension because of the way the Američans treat the Filipinos. "The soldiers bully the people, especially the women. One out of 12 women in the Philippines is a prostitute. Most of them earn their living from tourists and American soldiers.

She feels that we incorrectly rate the benefit of Cory Aquino's govern-ment. "Many Americans think she's so great, and the women's groups are especially delighted to have a woman in power in a foreign country. However, the natives are very discouraged. Human rights abuses, which Cory promised to do away with, have gotten worse. Land reform issues are still unsolved. Villages are still being bombed and burned. People are tortured, beheaded, murdered or taken away during the night by small vigilante armies or the Philippines Constabulary, which falls under Aquino's jurisdiction. These armies claim to be searching for Com-munists. Religious leaders who speak out in favor of human rights constantly receive death threats. It's the poor who are suffering the most in all

the Philippine population falls below the poverty level. She said, "If you have three bowls of rice a day and one change of clothing, you're considered above the poverty level." Despite the level of poverty, Pugh

According to Pugh, 70 percent of

was genuinely welcomed everywhere she went. "Sometimes a family would use their last peso to get me a bottle of Coke, which was their way of being hospitable. And everywhere, I heard the same thing. Tell our stories to people back in America.

Born in Cambridge, Pugh grew up in Lincoln. A graduate of Yale University with a bachelor's degree in political science, she is now enrolled at the Harvard Divinity School and working toward a master's of theology degree. Pugh comes from a long line of ministers. "My greatgrandfather, several of his grandfathers, and a few cousins became ministers." Her career goal is to become a parish minister and continue work with Third World solidari-

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TOWN OF ARLINGTON



REGISTRATION OF VOTERS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY **MARCH 8, 1988**

Notice is hereby given that the Registrars of Voters will be in session for the purpose of registering residents who possess the necessary qualifications and wish to become voters of the Town of Arlington. REGISTRATIONS ARE HELD

DAILY IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE TOWN HALL, 730 MASS. AVENUE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY—9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. AND ON THE FOLLOWING **EVENINGS AT THE** TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE From 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 28 Monday, February 1 also on Saturday, February 6 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and on the

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY Tuesday, February 9 - Town Hall 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Any citizen of the United States who will be eighteen years of age or older by the day of the Presidential Primary, not being a person under guardianship, and not being temporarily disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, who is a resident of the Town of Arlington where he claims the right to vote at the time he registers may apply for registra-tion at any of the foregoing times and places.

No name can be added to the voting list (except to correct omis-sions made by clerical error) after tèn o'clock on Tuesday, February 9, 1988 at which time registration closes for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 1988. REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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Computer lesson turns sour

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computer. Here, I ran into resistance

my pragnatic bride.
"Why do we need a computer?" was the logical question

'We can balance our checking account. You can set up a date base on

"You haven't balanced the checking account in 30 years. Why start

And, "I like my 4 x 5 card file for recipes. It has fed us for 30 years."

I overcame these unreasonable objections with the force of pure logic, plus the promise of dinner and dance on the town. The path of progress is indeed difficult and fraught with peril.

Confident, self-assured and brimming with knowledge, I set forth one sunny morning to purchase a computer system. I am tiger tough and cool inside but the outside somewhat belies that impression. Perhaps my exterior appearance had something to do with the events that transpired.

I burst into the downtown computer store armed with my in-depth knowledge. In the store, my selfconfidence dribbled a little. I was the oldest living mammal there by at least 30 years. In every corner

juveniles were poking and prodding computers. There was even a diapered baby on a highchair in front of an IBM PCXT running calculations.

The salespeople, upon seeing me, held a quick whispered conference. They flipped a coin for some reason. Whereupon I heard "that's my tough Then a bright young thing reluctantly headed my way.

'What can I do for you, sir?'' the bright young thing grinned.

His "sir" spoke volumes — it was the "sir" addressed to one's greatgreat-grandfather, a dottering elder, a Methuselah. It was the "sir" that said "Hey Mack, you must be lost."

I summoned up my vast resources of technical knowledge and prepared to demolish the grinning idiot with ex-

"I would like - I want - ah, ah - baud, bits and binary. That is - I want to set up, ah, to macro, digitize, and hard disk."

The bright young thing looked confused for a split second, then recovered. "Hey, Dad, you know some great words but what do you want to buy?'

With that, and the sound of

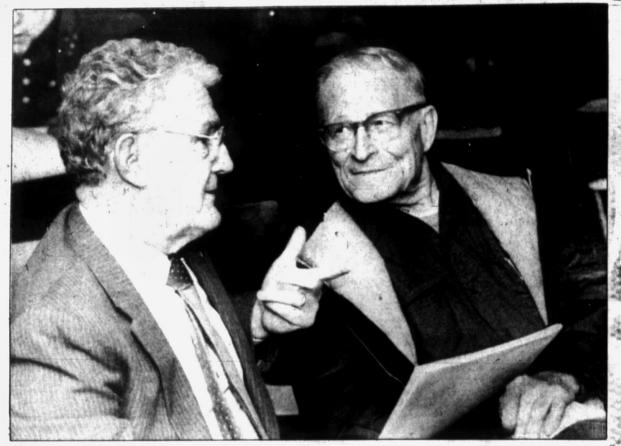
laughter from the rest of the grammar school refugees in the store, my cool became hot. I stammered, turned and fled.

It was fundamentally an earthshaking experience. I oozed down the street not wishing to attract too much attention until my composure returned. Maybe my bride was right. "Why do I really want a computer at this point in my career?'

There is an antique store down the street with an abacus in the window. I have always had this yearning to learn the secrets of the abacus. It is an ancient instrument used for calculating throughout history. It is still a vital tool in the Orient today. I understand that an expert with the abacus can approach a computer in terms of speed and accuracy - and the cost is minimal.

I have the battle plan all figured out. Very shortly my abacus and I will waltz into the computer store and challenge bright young thing and his computers. There is little doubt in my mind as to the end result. Revenge is

(Eugene Gotz is a frequent contributor to the Advocate. He lives on Newport Street.)



Ed Mahoney, a Town Meeting member of 15 years, and Jim Carter, a member for more than 30 years, from left, discuss the night's warrant before Monday's Special Town Meeting.

Red Sox tickets to go to kids

(Continued from page 1) reach disadvantaged youth would be urban centers, so it was decided to award the tickets to the 25 most populated cities and towns. Arlington was 25th on the list.

Some critics of the settlement pointed out that the selection of cer-

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WEEK OF JAN 29-FEB 4

* 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:20-9:50 Fri-Sat 12:00 mid. (R)

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EXTRA LATE SHOWS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

THE DEAD (PG)

* 12:15-2:15-4:15-7:30-9:40 Fri-Sat 12:40

BROADCAST NEWS (R)

* 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:15-10:10 Fri-Sat 12mid.

THE LAST EMPEROR (PG-13)

*** 12:00-3:00-6:45-9:50**

MANON OF THE SPRING (PG)

* 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:00 Fri & Sat 12:15 a.m.

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* AT STARRED FEATURES *

RADDOCK: MISSING IN ACTION

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM (R) 12:00-2:25-4:50-7:20-10:00

FRI-SAT 12:15 AM NO PASSES

THE COUCH TRIP (R)

A-TH + 12:40-2:50-5:05-7:20-9

5-S 9:40/ FR-SAT 11:35 PM

FOR KEEPS (PG-13) 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:35-9:45 FRI-SAT 11:45 PM

MOONSTRUCK (PG)

12:30-2:45-5:00-7:25-9:45

BROADCAST NEWS (R)

FRI-SAT 11:45 PM NO PASSES

★ 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:10 BOLBY FRI-SAT 12:30 AM NO PASSES

RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD II(R)

1:00-3:15-5:40-7:50-10:00

EDDIE MURPHY RAW (R)

M-TH +1:00-3:15-5:30-8:00-10:15

WALL STREET (R)

*12:10-2:35-5:00-7:30-10:10

FRI-SAT 12:20AM

THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN

PG-13) +1:00-3:00-5:10-7:40-10:10

FRI-SAT 12:00 MID

FRI-SAT 12:00 MID NO PASSES

★ 12:15-2:35-5:00-7:40-10:15 FRI-SAT 12:25 AM

CINDERELLA (G)

SAT-SUN ONLY

★1:30-3:30

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED (PG)

THREE MEN & A BABY (FG) 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:45-10:15

S-S 5:30-8:00-10:15 / FRI-SAT 12 MID

FRI-SAT 12:00 MID

12:10-2:3U-4:45-7:30-9:50 FRI-SAT 12:00 MID

3:00-5:15-7:50-10:20

ARGAIN MATINEE FIRST SHOW ONLY

* AT STARRED FEATURES *

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM

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tain cities leave other communities without benefit - communities which may be home to some of the people who were overcharged.

McNaught explained, however, that "The agreement in no way impairs any rights of private action the consumer may have against the Red

Arlington's superintendent of recreation, Dan Brosnan, proposed that the best way to reach the Town's deserving youngsters would be through school principals. "They may be more in touch with the children that may be in need, and they would know a little about the family's economic situation without invading

anyone's privacy," he suggested. Brosnan acknowledged that the

settlement may not be fair to everybody, but "as a quick-fix, it's as good as anything." He added joking-"Red Sox tickets will be in demand this summer, especially if (new pitcher) Lee Smith comes through. But if the Sox aren't doing too well by June 1, we might not find people who want to go. That's the way things

The 25 cities and towns to receive tickets, in order of population, are: Boston, Worcester, Springfield, New Bedford, Brockton, Cambridge, Lowell, Fall River, Quincy, Newton, Lynn, Somerville, Lawrence, Fram-Waltham, Medford, ingham, Chicopee, Weymouth, Brookline, Haverhill. Malden, Pittsfield, Peabody, Taunton and Arlington.

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North Suburban

Special Town Meeting approves liability insurance for officials

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fund, an account set up to pay for the legal expenses of a town official in the event the town counsel could not represent that individual because of a conflict of interest

For example, if the town and an employee or official are sued for something, it may be necessary to prove the person negligent to protect the

In such a case, Maher explained, he would be bound to represent the town,

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and it would be a conflict of interest for him to represent both.

The fund would pay for the legal expenses of the employee or official, up to \$100,000, until the suit is settled. If the individual were found negligent in a civil rights case, the money would have to be paid back. Maher said the vast majority of such cases would be civil rights cases

The request was meant to protect town officials and employees from huge legal expenses in protecting themselves if a conflict of interest arose. If there is no conflict, town counsel would represent all those sued.

'What we're trying to do here is tell (town employees) that they should not be put at risk for doing something for the town," said Selectman Stephen Conroy. "I don't want to put (my house and savings) on the line each time I take a vote.

Discussion on the items were vigorous but not lengthy, as some members knitted or did needlepoint, and several manuevers were successful to keep the meeting as brief as possible, and to one night. If not dissolved, the meeting would have resumed last night, Wednesday.

At the beginning of the meeting, Moderator Harry McCabe conducted a moment of silence in tribute to Dot Stein, a longtime School Commitee member and active civic participant

in the town would died Jan. 18. Judge William O'Brien, chairman of the School Committee, read a brief honorarium to Stein on behalf of the School Committee. A memorial fund in Stein's memory has been set up for the library renovation and expansion fund.

When it came to Article 5, which permit selectmen to petition the state Legislature to use funds in the town building insurance fund for other insurance purposes, some debate began.

Town Treasurer John Bilafer, disagreeing with Town Manager Donald Marquis and selectmen, said the fund may be needed on a rainy day and should not be used to pay for insurance premiums.

'It's like taking long-term savings to pay for house insurance. I don't think it makes good financial sense. Once it's gone, we'll have nothing behind us," said Bilafer.

'If we can't afford it in a \$60 million

budget, then we shouldn't do it," he said.

The fund has grown in recent years, to more than \$700,000, even though only \$250,000 would be needed in any year to pay deductibles on building insurance claims, according to Marquis.

School Committee member Janice Bakey, relaying a message from the committee, said the panel would like, time to examine the issue, since most town buildings are schools. Town Meeting, rather than engag-

ing again last night, voted not to vote, on Article 5. It may be brought up again at the annual Town Meeting. The articles, in order they were ex-

amined and votes are as follows. · Article 2: take \$277,000 from free

cash to pay for unexpected increase in health care costs. Vote was to do so. Article 3: change by-laws tod

create public employee or official indemnification fund in the case of conflict for town counsel. Pay \$50,000 to start fund. Up to \$100,000 for each person if used. Vote was to do so.

 Article 4: spend \$32,000 to pay fore public official liability insurance to protect those who are successfully? sued for town business. Up to \$3 million for each claim. Vote was to do so.

 Article 5: allow selectmen to petition General Court to use building insurance fund for other insurance

purposes. Vote was not to act. Article 6: fund through current fiscal year contracts with police

patrolmen's union. Vote was to do so. Article 7: fund through current

fiscal year contracts with local firefighters union. Vote was to do so. · Article 8: fund through current

fiscal year contracts with ranking police officer's union. Vote was to do Article 9: broaden highest limit of so-called M schedule to allow 4 percent

town administrators. Vote was to do Article 10: increase full-time

raises on top of yearly increases for

elected officials salaries. Vote was not to act

• Article 11: make violation of town by-law on snow removal punishable by a \$20 ticket for residents. Vote was to do so

• Article 12: Thesda Street residents seek relief from flooding problems. Vote was not to act.

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SENIOR NEWS

Adult education classes to meet

A full schedule of morning and afternoon adult education classes by the Arlington Seniors Association will begin the first week in February. The classes are taught and priced for seniors. Registration for those classes sponsored by the Arlington Seniors

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Association may be in person (at the Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple St.,) or by mail (cheeks made out to the Arlington Seniors Association, 27 Maple St., Arlington, MA 02174) Registration for classes sponsored by the Arlington Adult Education Program will be by mail (checks made out to Arlington Community Education, c/o Arlington High School, 869 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA 02174) The full class schedule follows: Painting, Lea Dovidio, instructor,

Mondays, 9:30-noon, eight weeks star-ting Feb. 1. Cost of \$20. ·Quilting, Jane Norberg, instruc-

tor, Tuesdays, 10-12:30 p.m., eight weeks starting Feb. 2. Cost of \$20.

•Crafts, Marne Rice, instructor, Tuesdays, 1-3:30 p.m., eight weeks starting Feb. 2. Cost of \$20.

•Knitting, Jean O'Brien, instructor, Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m., eight weeks starting Feb. 4. Cost of \$20.
Also available are courses spon-

sored by the Arlington Adult Education Program. •How to Invest your money Wisely for Retirees. Maxine Twing, in-

structor, Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m., three weeks starting Feb. 2. Cost of \$15. ·Computers and You. Ellie Jackson, instructor, Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. 10 weeks starting Feb. 3. At the IBM Computer Room, High

School. Cost of \$20. •Dynamic Dramatics. Sharon Saline, instructor, Thursdays, 10 weeks 10-11:30 a.m. starting Feb. 3.

All classes will be held at the Arlington Senior Center unless otherwise indicated. The cost quoted for each course is for those students age 60 or over. The \$20 courses cost \$30 for those under 60, and the \$15 course costs \$20 for the same age group.

SAT-SUN ONLY :30-2:45-5:60-7:20

